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SUBJECT: FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND

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1. WE APPRECIATE THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH YOU FACED WITH REGARD TO THE JOINT PRESS RELEASE. HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO HANDLE THE RELEASE FROM OUR END. TWO POSSIBILITIES OCCUR TO US, AND OUR CHOICE BETWEEN THESE WILL BE GUIDED BY YOUR RECOMMENDATION.

2. SCENARIO ONE: YOU APPROACH THE THAI TO ISSUE IN A LOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KEY MANNER AN AMENDED PRESS RELEASE BASED ON OUR VERSION (REF B). IF THE THAI ARE AMENABLE, DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS WOULD UNOSTENTATIOUSLY PIN THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO A BULLETIN BOARD HERE AT THE SAME TIME THE RTG WOULD MAKE ITS AMENDED

RELEASE.

3. SCENARIO TWO: THERE WOULD BE NO APPROACH TO THE THAI, BUT DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS WOULD PROCEED AS IN SCENARIO ONE AND BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (IF THEY ARISE) ON THE DISCREPENCIES BETWEEN THE THAI RELEASE AND OURS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE STATEMENT ISSUED IN WASHINGTON REPRESENTS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE FINAL PORTION OF THE 7,500 MILITARY MANPOWER SPACES REDUCTION TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ABOUT JUNE 30. THIS REDUCTION WAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND THAI REPRESENTATIVES SOME WEEKS AGO, AND THE US AND THAI GOVERNMENTS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE REDUCTIONS PACKAGE. UNQUOTE.

4. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR REACTION TO THESE ALTERNATIVES. KISSINGER

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